

LOCAL NEWS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Jan. 19, 1877.—10:30 a. m.—In the Middle and New England States, slowly falling barometer and rising temperature, with southerly to westerly winds, with partly cloudy weather in the latter district, and with generally cloudy, foggy or threatening weather, occasional light rains and winds shifting to southerly.

THE ICE.—The ice which has so long blocked the river seems about to pass away. The huge fields of it that spanned the river at Georgetown broke up about night fall yesterday and commenced to move down the stream, forming gorges and causing the river to rise very rapidly, so that it soon covered the wharves. In a few minutes, however, the ice below the city gave way and the high water subsided. In the meantime, the tugs Dr. Rogers, Zeta and Etta had been struck by the ice and sunk, together with three three-masted schooners which had been lying at the wharves. Two large vessels and numerous smaller ones were lifted bodily on top of the wharves by the sudden rise and left there by the receding waters. Nearly all of the vessels in the port are represented to have been more or less injured. Above Georgetown, and on the low lands near the Chain bridge, the ice is represented to have been piled up to a height of thirty feet, while below that city it forced its way up on the banks to a height of ten or twelve feet. At this city the ice had not moved at noon, but presented a very much weakened surface and appeared ready to move at any moment. The track made by the steamers John W. Thompson yesterday was full this morning of floating ice. The fog and warm weather of this morning did much to assist the weakening process. A gentleman who came up from Fredericksburg yesterday evening reports the ice in the Rappahannock all moving and breaking up. The breaking up of the ice at this city is hourly expected. The flats just north of Fort Runyon on the A. & W. R. R. were flooded with water during the night and a quantity of ice coming over displaced a rail, which detained the early trains awhile and gave rise to the reports circulated here that the Long Bridge had been carried away. The damage was soon repaired and trains are running as usual. Up to four o'clock this afternoon no damage had been done to the Long Bridge, but a gorge had formed above there which was pressing the heavy, solid cakes of ice down against the bridge, and much anxiety was felt for the safety of the structure. Men are stationed at short intervals along the upper side of the bridge, and every precaution is being taken to avoid any accident. Captain Hicks will start to-morrow morning for Quantico with a supply of coal for the steam tug Kate, with which he will take a fleet of oyster boats to the lower river, which is entirely clear of ice. The names of the schooners sunk at Georgetown, last night, are Rhoda Holmes, of South Amboy, loaded with coal; W. H. Van Hook, of Staten Island, loaded with asphalt; and Lizzie A. Sawyer, loaded with asphalt.

SUN FIRE COMPANY.—An adjourned meeting of the Sun Fire Company was held last Wednesday night. Vice President Sullivan in the chair and G. B. Deaton secretary. The committee appointed to revise the roll reported 92 active and 18 honorary members, and on the new roll being called a good many answered to their names.

The committee on ways and means reported favorable progress.

The following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the regular meetings of this company shall hereafter be on the second Wednesday in each month, at 7 1/2 o'clock, during the months of October, November, December, January, February, March and April, and at 8 o'clock during May, June, July, August, and September.

Resolved, That the dues of the Sun Fire Company shall be ten cents per month.

Any member three months in arrears shall be suspended; six months in arrears shall be expelled, unless a reasonable excuse be given.

Resolved, That any officer failing to appear at three consecutive meetings, and failing to show good reasons for absencing himself, his office shall be declared vacant, and the company shall proceed immediately to fill such vacancy.

Two names were offered for membership, which were referred to the committee on election.

A committee was appointed to draft a new constitution and by-laws for the use of the company.

The committee appointed to enquire into the feasibility of the company giving a brilliant ball on the 22d of February, reported, and Messrs. F. Travers, G. Sullivan, M. Norris, J. McCuen and G. B. Deaton were appointed to make all necessary arrangements.

The meeting then adjourned.

POLICE ITEMS.—Some unknown thief entered the yard of Mr. E. J. Miller's residence, on Washington street, on Wednesday night, and stole the rope which hung over the door as a swing for the children of the family.

Two drunken negro men and a small negro boy, for fighting, were the only cases at the police station this morning.

Charles Jackson, colored, was committed to jail on suspicion of being concerned in the recent robbery of Mr. Greenough's residence, near Falls Church. He was to have been tried at one o'clock to-day before Justice Benjamin Austin, at the jail, but owing to a misunderstanding he was discharged by Justice Thompson at ten o'clock this morning. A warrant was at once issued for his re-arrest. It is understood that both Diamond and Spillman, the two men already in jail, charged with the robbery, have identified Jackson as the man who was with them.

A negro man named Tolliver Terrell was this morning committed to jail by Justice Austin for stealing a lot of chickens from a colored woman named Ann-Wright, who lives at the Freedmen's Village.

M. E. Church.—A large congregation assembled last evening. As it was the night of the union prayer meeting several ministers were present and took part in the exercises. Rev. W. C. Webb conducted the meeting. After singing Rev. W. D. Whittier read several passages of Scripture and then offered prayer. Rev. Dr. Nichols followed in an earnest exhortation to the unconverted. Dr. Entwistle led in prayer. Rev. A. J. Porter delivered an address. Rev. Mr. Penick expressed some reluctance to speak on account of the lateness of the hour, but on being urged to give his address, made some very impressive remarks, and closed by urging all who were unconverted at once to accept the Saviour. While Mr. Penick was speaking deep feeling seemed to pervade the audience. After the meeting was dismissed a large number remained for further prayer. Several arose asking the Christians present to pray for them. The services will be continued to-night. Rev. W. C. Webb will preach.

THE STREETS.—The present condition of the streets of the city is a subject of much and general complaint. The crossings are, with few exceptions, covered with slush, mud and water, making wading necessary for those wishing to pass over them. Particularly is this the case near the Hayette street depot, where the streets are almost impassable. One gentleman reports having lost his shoes in the mire there, last night, while endeavoring to force a passage to King street. The Superintendent of Police complains that most of the trouble at the crossings is caused by the failure of householders below to clean out the ice from their gutters and permit the passage of the water. He threatens to enforce the law in such cases.

ILL.—Mr. Wm. Humphries, one of our oldest citizens, and for many years a well known cigar maker, lies very ill at his residence on Prince street.

Mr. John Arnold, the well known hatter, lies at the point of death, at his residence on King street.

Mr. Henry L. Simpson, whose illness has been heretofore mentioned in the Gazette, had improved somewhat, this morning, although still in a critical condition.

PRINCESS STREET.—The late thaw, and the rainy weather have caused the water coming down Princess street to cut a gully on the north side thereof and to bore a deep hole near the intersection of that street and Royal, through which it pours in a steady stream and passes underneath the trunk, but in last year to carry it off.

COMMENDABLE.—Mr. Wm. P. Graves, who keeps a grocery store at the corner of Fairfax and Franklin streets, has made every day a sufficient quantity of good beef soup, which he gives, together with a quantity of bread, to the deserving poor people of his locality. Such a charitable act deserves the commendation and emulation of all good citizens.

LIBRARY BALL.—The ball for the benefit of the Alexandria Library takes place to-night, at Sarcetta Hall, and bids fair to be an enjoyable occasion.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Special Dispatches to the Gazette.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, January 19, 1877.—A night's cogitation upon the "adjustment plan" does not seem to have altered materially the convictions of members, or more nearly brought to a definite conclusion those whose minds were not yesterday made up. The advocates of the plan think it may go through, if, like the boy who started for New York and was kicked off the train at each station, the seat of the breeches will hold out. Some members who will vote for the "plan" say it is like the peaches to the Irishman—the flavor is good, but the stone sits heavy on their stomachs.

Mr. Cox is in the position of the mackerel that had not soaked enough the previous night, and had to undergo the same process next day. He is still in soak, in order, as he says, to take off the brackishness of the saline taste.

Mr. Walling, of Ohio, says the "plan" is beautiful to look upon, but will bear further inspection.

Mr. Randall, Speaker, will, it is positively asserted, oppose the plan.

The opponents of the plan are very outspoken in their denunciation of it, and consider it a surrender of the fruits of a victory and a compromise of a fraud.

Senators Withers and Johnson, as far as advised, will support the plan, though they have not definitely arrived at that conclusion—their present intention is to give it support.

An objection raised to the plan is that, taken in a partisan point of view, it leaves the decision of the question to one man, and that his decision will be sure to give dissatisfaction to the people.

U. S. SENATOR.

Mr. George F. Hoar, who was to-day elected U. S. Senator from Massachusetts, in place of Mr. Boutwell, the incumbent, was the recipient of many congratulations on the floor of the House (of which he is a member) to-day.

Much satisfaction was expressed on both sides that Boutwell had been defeated, as he is looked upon as one of the bitterest and most uncompromising radicals in the Senate, and one capable of all the evil he can do.

WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

A large number of petitions were presented in the House to-day from various States in favor of woman's rights, all of which were referred to the Judiciary Committee. This question is assuming some importance, and a sixteenth amendment is now more freely discussed in and out of Congress.

CONGRESS.

THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, January 19, 1877.—The morning hour of the Senate was occupied by routine memorials, &c.

At the close of the morning hour Mr. Boggs, of Missouri, resumed his speech begun yesterday. Large extracts from the affidavits taken in reference to the Louisiana difficulty, made up a part of the speech, and were read by Mr. Cocherell, Mr. Boggs speaking at intervals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Several petitions praying an amendment to the Constitution to prevent any State from disfranchising citizens of the U. S. on account of sex, were presented and referred.

On motion of Gen. Hinton M. Orton, now held in the custody of the House, was discharged from arrest on account of ill health.

A resolution asking for information from the President of the rival governments in Louisiana, was referred.

A bill for the relief of Partner & Recker, of Alexandria, Va., was referred. The claim is for interest on money paid to the direct tax commissioner.

A bill for the relief of Wm. Tabb, of Spotsylvania county, was reported from the Committee on War Claims and placed upon the private calendar.

A resolution in reference to the disposition of U. S. troops, and as to the cause of the assembling of soldiers at and around Washington, was ruled out on a point of order.

A bill to allow Capt. Pemple and Lieutenant Commander Whiting, of the Navy, to accept decorations from the king of the Hawaiian Islands, was passed.

Wells and Anderson, of the Louisiana returning board were brought to the bar of the House in the custody of the Sergeant at Arms, when they asked until the arrival of their confederates to make answer to the summons of the House.

On motion the "answer" was referred to the Judiciary Committee, and Wells and Anderson were remanded to the custody of the Sergeant at Arms.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the private calendar.

upon a common basis of adjustment of their differences, it will not be difficult to bring about a final settlement. He remarked that initial steps are always most difficult, what follows is easy. The country, he said, is now in a condition to begin a period of unexampled prosperity, founded on correct principles of business and proper standards of value, and all that is wanting is an amicable and satisfactory settlement of the Presidential question.

Vice President Ferry looks upon the proposed plan of settlement, if it becomes a law, as relieving him from a grave responsibility; once, however, from which he would not shrink in absence of legislation distinctly defining his powers under the Constitution and the laws.

The Compromise.

HARTFORD, CONN., Jan. 19.—The Senate to-day passed a resolution endorsing the plan proposed by the Congressional committee for settling the Presidential question, and requesting the Connecticut Senators and Representatives to support the plan in Congress. The House tabled the resolution, and made it the special order for January 24th.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Jan. 19.—The Democratic State Central Committee met this morning and endorsed the compromise bill reported in Congress yesterday, and expressed the hope that all the people of Iowa would support the joint committee.

Telegraphic Summary.

The New York Legislature decided against woman suffrage again to-day.

The English press generally if they do not approve don't censure the action of the Porte in refusing the proposals of the European conference.

Local Brevities.

Deputy Sargeant Armstrong returned from Richmond to-day. He reports having seen most of the Alexandria convicts in the penitentiary, and that they are all well.

Mr. Geo. L. Simpson, member of the House of Delegates from this city, has been detained at home for several days by the illness of his father, but left for Richmond this morning.

Mr. George Wells, President of the Farmer's and Planter's Society of Annapolis is a defaulter to the amount of \$65,000.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Stocks active and strong. Money 4. Gold 100. Governments active and strong. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet and steady. Corn quiet and firm.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 19.—Virginia, &c., deferred, 7 1/2; Virginia, consuls, 67; do. 2d series 38. Cotton dull and steady; middling 12 1/2; do. 2d series 38. Flour active and strong. Wheat fairly active and firm; No. 2 Western red 14 1/2; do. 2d series 38. Spring 14 1/2; do. 2d series 38. Maryland red 13 1/2; do. 2d series 38. White 13 1/2; do. 2d series 38. Corn—Southern quiet; Western active and firm; higher; Southern white 54 1/2; do. yellow 54 1/2; Western mixed new spot and Jan 54 1/2; Feb 54 1/2; March 54 1/2. Oats steady and firm; Southern prime 40 1/2; Western white 40 1/2; do. Western mixed 36. Rye quiet at 70 1/2. Clover Seed quiet and steady at 14 1/2 to 15. Hay quiet and unchanged. Provisions quiet and lower. Pork 15 1/2 to 16. Sugar dull and lower at 11 1/2. Coffee dull and nominal. Whiskey dull and nominally 51 1/2.

No one should neglect a cough, cold or sore throat. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cures these and prevents consumption.

W. F. Creighton is selling large quantities of the following first-class articles: Wells's Eucalypta for the teeth, Extract of Jamaica Ginger also his Pectoral Cough Drops and Cough Syrup.

It does not make any difference how severe the case of bilious derangement is, Simmons' Liver Regulator will cure it speedily and effectively without salivation, or that prostration of the system ensuing from the use of drastic purgatives.

As there are many spurious imitations of this valuable medicine, take care you get the genuine.

"We have been selling your medicine for some time, and we find it better adapted to the cure of biliousness than any other medicine we have ever used or sold."

"JAS. M. BEASLEY & Co.,
"Magnolia, Ark."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

GREAT UPROAR ABOUT CLOTHING.

The largest stock of Overcoats and Suits bought at bankrupt sale to close out. Good Overcoats from \$2.50 upwards, including the very best of imported Chincheillas, Beavers, Kerseys, &c.

Gents' Cassimere Suits, consisting of Coat, Pants and Vest, at \$4.50; all Wool Suits at \$5.50 and upwards, including the finest imported materials; excellent Children's Suits, 3 years, \$1.25; 4 years \$1.75; 5 years \$2.25; 6 years \$2.75 and upwards. They must be sold quick at

dec 8 89 King street.

TO THE LADIES.

We have just received a fine assortment of Gentlemen's, Boys' and Youths' Fine Toilet Slippers, suitable for the holidays, which will be sold at prices to suit the times. [dec 6] WADDEY, 74 King st.

By F. A. Kerby, Auctioneer.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—Having been made for six successive months in the payment of the semi-monthly instalments secured to "The Alexandria Co-Operative Building Association of Alexandria, Va.," by the deed of trust hereinafter mentioned, and the Board of Directors of the said association having requested in writing a sale of the property thereby conveyed, the undersigned, in pursuance of the said request and by virtue of the deed of trust from Georgetown Day to them, dated on the 4th day of October, 1875, and of record in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court for the city of Alexandria, Virginia, liber No. 6, page 66, will expose for sale by public auction, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of February, 1877, at 12 m., in front of the Market Building, on Royal street, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, the property conveyed by the said deed of trust—A LOT OF GROUND, with the IMPROVEMENTS thereon, in the said city of Alexandria, situated on the west side of Lee street, between Princess and Queen streets, in front on Lee street 34 feet 9 1/2 inches, and extending westwardly in depth 123 feet 5 inches.

Terms of Sale—One third of the purchase money in cash on the day of sale, and the residue in two equal payments at three and six months from the day of sale; the deferred payments to bear interest from the day of sale and to be secured by the notes of the Corporation Court for the city of Alexandria, Virginia, liber No. 6, page 66, will expose for sale by public auction, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of February, 1877, at 12 m., in front of the Market Building, on Royal street, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, the property conveyed by the said deed of trust—A LOT OF GROUND, with the IMPROVEMENTS thereon, in the said city of Alexandria, situated on the west side of Lee street, between Princess and Queen streets, in front on Lee street 34 feet 9 1/2 inches, and extending westwardly in depth 123 feet 5 inches.

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DRY GOODS.

CLOSING OUT SALE

WINTER GOODS

REDUCED PRICES!

10 Cents on each Dollar and Upwards Deduction for the Cash.

Stock larger than any in the city, well assorted and marked at the Reduced Prices.

Orders will receive our prompt attention, and if goods sent do not prove satisfactory they can be returned at our expense.

H. C. SLAYMAKER COMPY.,

SALESMEN:

AMUSEMENTS.

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY HOP.

Benefit of the Alexandria Library

AT SARCETTA HALL,

ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th, 1877.

COMMITTEE:

THOMAS PERRY, Agent,

COMMISSION MERCHANT,

ISAA WENGER'S

CELEBRATED FAMILY FLOUR.

S. BERNHEIMER

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING

GUNS, REVOLVERS, WATCHES,

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.

IMPORTED LIQUORS.—Old Pot Still Brandy, French Brandy, Old Double Grape and Dow Drop Holland Gin, very Old Jamaica Rum, Scotch Whisky, Duff Gordon's Sherry, Topaz and Cooking do., also a variety of other table and Cooking Wines.

40 BBL BALDWIN APPLES for sale

DRY GOODS.

FAREWELL TO ALEXANDRIA.

Having received to-day the last and remaining stock of the Combination, I most respectfully announce to the people of Alexandria and vicinity that I will remove the entire stock on or about the first day of February. Having determined to sell all goods at a great sacrifice rather than remove them, and having concluded rather to dispose of them at private sale than at